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TAGS: SOPN, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 26, 1977

NO. 19

1. I BEGAN BRIEFING BY VOLUNTEERING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS  
TAKEN PREVIOUS DAY CONCERNING MCGOVERN AMENDMENT AND RELA-  
TIONSHIP TO ENTRY INTO U.S. OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES. TO  
QUESTION WHETHER PLO PLANNING OPEN AN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON,  
ANSWER WAS THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO THAT EFFECT  
BEYOND FACT THAT INTENTION TO DO SO WAS REGISTERED WITH  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR. TO SECOND QUESTION, WHETHER  
ANY PLO OFFICIALS HAVE ATTEMPTED COME TO U.S., ANSWER WAS  
THAT ONE REQUEST WAS PENDING AT TIME PRESIDENT SIGNED INTO  
LAW AUGUST 17 DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL CONTAINING  
MCGOVERN LANGUAGE. DECISION HAS NOT BEEN REACHED ON  
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WHETHER WAIVER TO ALLOW TRAVEL OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL BE  
RECOMMENDED, AND NO OTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE AT THIS  
POINT.

2. IN RESPONSE VARIOUS QUESTIONS THAT ENSUED, I DEALT OUT  
FOLLOWING: A FOREIGN ORGANIZATION CAN REGISTER WITH JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT ITS INTENTION OPEN AN INFORMATION OFFICE AND

OPERATE AN OFFICE AS LONG AS IT OBSERVES U.S. LAWS AND MAKES REQUIRED REPORTS OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL DISBURSEMENTS. OUR ATTITUDE ON OPENING OF PLO OFFICE HERE WOULD BE SAME AS IT WAS BEFORE. (PRESSED ON THIS, I SAID OUR PREVIOUS ATTITUDE, WHICH REMAINS SAME, IS THAT WE DID NOT THINK TIME WAS PROPITIOUS FOR OPENING OFFICE.) MCGOVERN AMENDMENT, AS ITS LANGUAGE MAKES CLEAR, IS AIMED AT BETTER U.S. COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI ACCORD AND AT ALLOWING PEOPLE WITH WHOM WE DISAGREE TO HAVE GREATER ACCESS TO OUR SOCIETY. NEW LEGISLATION DOES NOT CHANGE FACT THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN PROSCRIBED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING PLO. THERE IS A PRESUMPTION IN THE NEW LEGISLATION THAT SECRETARY OF STATE WILL RECOMMEND TO ATTORNEY GENERAL A WAIVER OF INELIGIBILITY FOR ANY PERSON AFFILIATED WITH SUCH A PROSCRIBED ORGANIZATION UNLESS IT IS DETERMINED THAT THEIR ADMISSION WOULD BE CONTRARY TO SECURITY INTERESTS OF U.S. WE DO NOT INTEND PERMIT ENTRY INTO US OF TERRORISTS OR PERSONS BENT ON ACTS OF SABOTAGE. APPLICATIONS BY PLO REPRESENTATIVES FOR VISAS WOULD BE EXAMINED ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS. I WAS ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANS U.S. DOES NOT CONSIDER PLO A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, AND REPEATED THAT VISA APPLICATIONS FROM PLO WOULD BE EXAMINED ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS; THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THAT ACTION AS TO HOW WE REGARD THE PLO.

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3. ON RELATED QUESTION CONCERNING EXACT STATUS OF RHODESIA INFORMATION OFFICE, I RECALLED OUR SUPPORT OF RECENT UNSC RESOLUTION BARRING USE OR TRANSFER OF FUNDS BY RHODESIA REGIME TO OPERATE INFO OFFICES ABROAD. I SAID WE HAVE TOLD RHODESIA INFO OFFICE HERE THAT WE INTEND FREEZE BANK ACCOUNTS TO PREVENT TRANSFER AND USE OF FUNDS, AND THAT WAYS TO IMPLEMENT THAT INTENTION ARE UNDER STUDY.

4. SECRETARY'S EUROPEAN TRIP SEPTEMBER 5-10 WAS RE-ANNOUNCED IN SLIGHTLY GREATER DETAIL, FOR THE RECORD, INCLUDING ITALIAN OFFICIALS HE WILL SEE IN ROME. IN RESPONSE QUESTION WHETHER IT FAIR TO CONCLUDE THAT SECRETARY AND GROMYKO WILL ALSO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST, I SAID I WOULD NOT RULE IT OUT, BUT THAT STATED PURPOSE OF VIENNA MEETINGS WAS SALT.  
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